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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard Lehman

Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT : Status Report: Competitive Analysis

1. The "B" team drafts on ICBM accuracy and Soviet low altitude air defense are completed and will be exchanged with the "A" team drafts early this week. The "B" team draft on Soviet strategic objectives and policy will be completed this week, typed over the weekend, and exchanged with the "A" team draft on 18 October. Each team will be asked to prepare comments on each other's drafts by 29 October and be prepared to meet to discuss and defend their positions during the week of 1 November. Following that, the drafts of the "B" team studies will be prepared in final form for presentation to the NFIB along with the basic estimate of NIE 11-3/8-76.

2. As of 30 September, obligations of \$456,413.88 -- of an authorized total of \$475,000 -- have been recorded, leaving \$18,586.12 remaining. Expected travel for the remainder of the experiment is estimated at between \$3,000 and \$5,000, and expenses under personal service contracts and for secretarial support will be on the order of \$10,000. Thus, at this time I see no particular difficulties in holding down future expenses to the level of \$18.000.

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